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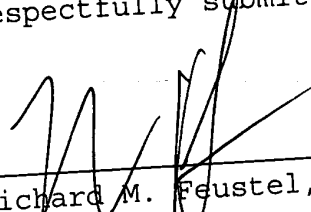
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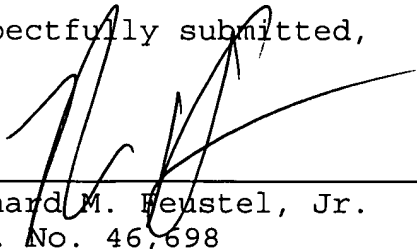
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These documents are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate) and copies are enclosed herewith.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, applicants would also like to call the Examiner's attention U.S. Patent Application No. 08/225,246 (filed 4/8/94), U.S. Patent Application No. 09/368,825 (filed 8/5/99), U.S. Patent Application No. 09/400,391 (filed 9/21/99), U.S. Patent Application No. 09/437,107 (filed 11/9/99), and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/536,729 (filed 3/28/00). Copies of these applications are enclosed herewith. These applications have not been listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 to prevent their Application Nos. from being printed on the face of any patent issuing from this application. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner sign the statement "All references have been considered" on the bottom of page 5 of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that these references were considered (See MPEP § 609(c)).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this patent application is respectfully requested.

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